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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Nobuyuki SHIRIE Conf. 3762

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FLARE STOPPER AND TAKING LENS UNIT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents November 25, 2005  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 24, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page  
of this paper.